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7. During the period from 24 to 26 February, the bulk of the troops from the Alvensleben Kaserne on the south side of Karl Liebknecht Strasse and east side of Friedrich Engel Strasse had moved out. No training activity was noticed in the billeting area after 26 February.
8. On 28 February, the Funker Kaserne on the east side of Pappel Allee and on the north side of Gultener Strasse was occupied to capacity by about 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1
9. On 28 February, the Dissenchen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Up to 200 soldiers received infantry field training in the training terrain from 15 to 28 February. 25X1
10. Between 9 and 12 p.m. numerous columns returned to the Alvensleben Kaserne, coming from field exercises. The unit was said to have moved out on 25 and 26 February. Sixteen trucks of the B 2-51-xx series towing AT guns, 16 trucks of the B 2-51-xx series towing mortars, 10 other trucks and 20 to 25 tank trucks with trailers with numbers of the various series were observed. 25X1
11. During the night of 28 February, 9 T-34s, 2 armored scout cars and several trucks were entrained at the Cottbus railroad station. The shipment stood still at the railroad station on 1 March, headed toward a westerly direction.
1. Comment. [redacted] was the receiver of a carload of military goods in Rathenow in May 1951. The dispatching station of the shipment could not be determined. 25X1
2. Comment. Corresponding observations by several sources again confirm the field exercises of the 9th Mecz Div which were conducted in the area of Baruth-Cottbus from 25 February to 1 March 1951. 25X1
[redacted] the Alvensleben Kaserne quarters a mechanized regiment. Previous information, however, supported the belief that the installation housed the artillery regiment and the rocket launcher battalion. One mechanized regiment each is carried in the Sachsenhof Kaserne and Loens Kaserne and Dissenchen Kaserne.
3. Comment. The train presumably went to Weisswasser. 25X1

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